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Committees

Common Service Committees

One of the Common Service Committees which will be arranging meetings in 1953 is the Committee on Public Relations. The following appointments to this Committee have recently been announced:

Elizabeth Wickenden, New York City, *chairman*;
Mrs. Zilpha Franklin, Director of Publications and Reports,
Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.;
Ernest Linford, Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City;
Herbert Millman, Director of Jewish Center Field Service,
National Jewish Welfare Board, New York City.

The Committee on Social Research and Social Studies will also be responsible for sessions at the 1953 Annual Meeting. New members of this Committee are:

Ann Geddes, Chief, Division of Program Statistics and Analysis, Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Administration, Washington, D. C., *chairman*;
Werner W. Boehm, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota;
Elbert L. Hooker, Professor of Social Research, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh;
David M. Schneider, Director, Bureau of Research and Statistics, New York State Department of Social Welfare, Albany.

The third Committee to hold meetings next year is the Committee on Professional Education. New appointments to that Committee were announced in the Spring issue of the *Bulletin*.

Nominations Committee

The full report of the Nominations Committee appears on page 4 of this *Bulletin*.

Tellers Committee

The report of the Tellers Committee is given on page 6.

Editorial Committee

The Editorial Committee met in Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1, and finished the selection of papers for the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting. As was the case in 1951, the Proceedings this year will consist of a single volume of General Sessions papers and papers given at Section, Common Service Committee and Combined Associate Group meetings.

In addition to the Proceedings, the Conference will publish, on the recommendation of the Editorial

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To Members of The National Conference of Social Work:

Gratitude is not the most appropriate word for expressing my feeling towards the membership of the National Conference. The fact that you have chosen me to serve as your president stirs an emotion which is much deeper than mere gratefulness. My wish is to do something more than offer thanks for a gift. My wish is to say to you with all the sincerity I can muster that you have by this act placed a true benediction upon my career.

It is not easy to say what my heart tells me to say. Although I have been for many years a regular and devoted participant in National Conference sessions, I have never thought of myself as an "insider." Insofar as it may be said that there exists a Social Work pattern of "politics" I have never been a part of its affairs. No administrative positions have ever tempted me because I have all along thought of myself as being a plain teacher. It is true, I have "taught gladly" and the profoundest satisfactions of my life have been associated with teaching experiences. In choosing me as your president you have ennobled learning and it is, perhaps, this fact which elevates my feeling above mere gratitude.

In accepting the presidency of the National Conference for the year 1952-53 I feel also the need for expressing my respect and affection for those who have preceded me in this office. I am moved especially to pay my respects to my immediate predecessor, your president of last year, Lester Granger. His skill, tact, resourcefulness and wisdom gave glow and luster to the 1952 Annual Meeting in Chicago. He made us all feel pride in belonging to a profession which could produce such qualities of leadership.

Aldous Huxley once suggested that certain overworked words ought now and then to be sent to the dry cleaners. "Crisis" is certainly such a word. I therefore shrink from its use but at the same time I am not able to escape the feeling that our generation, and the profession of Social Work in particular, is moving toward issues and contingencies of a most serious nature. Social welfare has become the target for an expanding group of disgruntled citizens. Ours is an age of frustrations and negations. Under such circumstances it is to be anticipated that certain latent sadistic impulses will come to the surface. The desire to blame and to punish is a sign of confusion. When this happens it is a natural response to retaliate and condemn, to become defensive. There must be a better way of meeting current criticisms and attacks, a way which is consonant with the very principles of Social Work and of public enlightenment. It is my hope that the National Conference will during the coming year strive to find this better way and, having found it, will strive to exemplify it in its deliberations.

Eduard C. Lindeman

July 1952

Committees

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Committee, a small volume of papers dealing with the aged, to be called "Selected Papers on the Aging."

There will also be two volumes similar to the ones issued in 1951, "Selected Papers in Casework" and "Selected Papers in Group Work and Community Organization". Committees are now at work choosing the papers to be included.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met in Chicago on May 25 and May 30 under the chairmanship of President Lester B. Granger.

The list of Associate Groups for 1953 was given provisional approval pending receipt of applications from the organizations indicating that they are able to comply with the provisions concerning the relationship of the Conference and its Associate Groups. It was also decided that a selected list of national agencies should be invited to apply for Associate Group status. The list of exhibit prospects for 1953 was approved at the same time.

The Executive Secretary reported on recent developments in the Conference, including the submission of the 1953 budget to the National Budget Committee.

The Committee approved the holding a regional institute on public relations in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Conference of Social Work. This is in line with the Committee's earlier decision that the Conference should plan to hold one regional meeting each year in a location removed from the site of the Annual Meeting.

Program Committee

The two new members of the Program Committee elected by the Executive Committee for three-year terms are:

Paul Benner, Assistant Director, Local Welfare Services, Louisiana Department of Public Welfare;
Charles J. Birt, Executive Director, Greater St. Paul Community Chest and Council.

Joint Committee on Program Planning

The Joint Committee, which is sponsored by the National Social Welfare Assembly and the Conference, met on Friday afternoon, May 30, in Chicago. Most of the meeting was devoted to a consideration and evaluation of the experience of the Committee during the first two years of its existence.

Two new members-at-large were elected:

Aubrey Mallach, Deputy Executive Director, Welfare and Health Council of New York City;
Almon Pepper, Director, Department of Christian Social Relations, National Council Protestant Episcopal Church.

Attention Institutions!

If you are employed in an institution of any kind, or if you are a board member or volunteer in one, will you please let us know and give us the name and address of your institution and tell us what kind of an institution it is. Our membership records do not identify all of the members associated with institutions, and we are anxious to identify them.

We want to know, for example, whether the right exhibits at our Annual Meetings can help you. Do

you see exhibits at other conferences or conventions? What products or services would you like to have exhibited? What companies can you suggest we invite to exhibit with us?

80th Annual Meeting

As announced previously, the 80th Annual Meeting of the National Conference will be held in Cleveland, May 31-June 5, 1953. The Cleveland and the Statler Hotels will be headquarters for the National Conference. The exhibits and Registration Service will be in the Auditorium. Headquarters hotels for the Associate Groups are now being assigned and will be announced in the near future.

It is planned to mail hotel reservations forms to all Conference members in August. Everyone is advised to make reservations as soon as possible after receiving the form.

Do you use Audio-Visual Equipment?

Interest in films and the use of all kinds of Audio-Visual equipment is growing by leaps and bounds. We are planning to have a special Audio-Visual Equipment Show at our Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, next year. We need to identify those of our members who may be interested. Please let us know what your interests are. What would you like to have exhibited and demonstrated in the show? What companies do you suggest we invite to exhibit with us?

Institute on Public Relations

The National Conference will sponsor a regional institute on public relations in cooperation with the Massachusetts Conference of Social Work on December 11. This is in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee that the Conference should hold one regional meeting each year in a section of the country removed from the site of the Annual Meeting.

The public relations institute is being jointly planned by the Conference Committee on Public Relations and the Massachusetts Conference Program Committee. It will be open to those attending the Massachusetts Conference and to persons from the surrounding states. Further information may be secured from the office of the National Conference or the Massachusetts Conference.

Program Planning for 1953

The Program Committee will hold its first meeting on October 3 and 4. Members of the Conference are urged to submit any suggestions they may have for the program of the 1953 Annual Meeting (subjects, speakers, etc.) in sufficient time so that they can be distributed to the Program Committee before their meeting.

It is always difficult to make use of suggestions received after the Committee meeting, so everyone is urged to send in ideas, comments and proposals as soon as possible.

Nominations for 1953 Election

The Committee on Nominations met in Chicago on May 24 and 25 under the chairmanship of Jeanette Hanford. The slate of candidates proposed by the Committee is printed below. In a few instances acceptances have not yet been received from the individuals named.

These candidates are for the ballot which will be distributed early in 1953. Persons elected will take office at the close of the 1953 Annual Meeting.

Members of the Conference are reminded that additional candidates for the election may be proposed under the following constitutional provision:

"Additional nominations may be made by petition of not fewer than twenty-five members, provided that such petition is filed at the Conference office not later than January 1."

The slate is as follows:

For President: Brooks Potter, President, Family Service Association of America, Boston, Massachusetts.

For First Vice-President: Meyer Kestnbaum, President, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago, Illinois.

For Second Vice-President: C. Whit Pfeiffer, Director, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.

For Third Vice-President: Joseph P. Anderson, Executive Secretary, American Association of Social Workers, New York City.

For Secretary: Harleigh Trecker, School of Social Work, University of Connecticut, Hartford, Connecticut.

For Members of the Executive Committee: (seven to be elected)

James Barry, Commissioner, Department of Public Welfare, Concord, New Hampshire.

Dwight Ferguson, Regional Child Welfare Representative, U. S. Children's Bureau, Atlanta, Georgia.

Frank Flynn, Associate Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Ann Geddes, Chief, Division of Statistics & Analysis, Bureau of Public Assistance, Washington, D. C.

Maxwell Hahn, Field Foundation, New York City.

Virgil Hampton, Council Community Forces, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Karl Holton, Director, California Youth Authority, Sacramento, California.

Val Keating, Regional Representative, Bureau of Public Assistance, Federal Security Agency, Dallas, Texas.

Isabel Kennedy, Executive Secretary, Health and Welfare Federation of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Eleanor Dunn Moore, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Eugene Revelle, Denver, Colorado.

Sanford Solender, National Jewish Welfare Board, New York City.

Wayne Vasey, Director, School of Social Work, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

For Members of the Committee on Nominations (seven to be elected)

Mary E. Blake, Executive Director, Elliot Park Neighborhood House, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Leora Connor, Family Service of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

Cordelia Cox, Resettlement Executive, National Lutheran Council, New York City.

Mamie Davis, Central Regional Field Staff, National Board YWCA, Chicago, Illinois.

Jane Dewell, Executive Secretary, Catholic Social Service Bureau, New Haven, Connecticut.

Rudolph Evjen, Community Chest of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rt. Rev. William J. Flanagan, Catholic Social Service, San Francisco, California.

Herbert Friedman, Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Joseph Himes, North Carolina College, Sociology Department, Durham, North Carolina.

Guy Justis, Manager, Denver Dept. of Public Welfare, Denver, Colorado.

W. T. McCullough, Director, Agency Operations Dept., Philadelphia Community Chest, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy McKay, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Mary Bruce Roberts, Superintendent, Hillside Cottages, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ruth Schiffman, Executive Director, Greensboro Community Chest, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Section I—Services to Individuals and Families

For Chairman: Frank Hertel, Community Service Society, New York City.

For Vice-Chairman: Lucille Kennedy, Chief, Division of Child Welfare, California State Department of Welfare, Sacramento, California.

For Committee Members (four to be elected)

Aleta Brownlee, Director of Social Service (Child Welfare), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Hortense Cochrane, Professor of Social Work, Atlanta School of Social Work, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Jules V. Coleman, Assoc. Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut.

Jeanne Jewett, Asst. Admin. State Public Welfare Commission, Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. David Levy, New York City.

Ben Meeker, U. S. Probation Officer, U. S. District Court, Chicago, Illinois.

Martha Moscrip, Department of Health and Welfare, Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

Dorothy Mueller, Child Guidance Home, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Section II—Services to Groups and Individuals in Groups

For Chairman: Violet Tennant, Division of Social Service, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

For Vice-Chairman: Bertram Gold, Executive Director, Jewish Community Center of Essex County, Newark, New Jersey.

For Committee Members (four to be elected)

Olive Crocker, United Charities of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Gladys Gallup, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Jerome Kaplan, Hennepin County Welfare Board, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. B. E. Mays, Atlanta, Georgia.

R. B. McClintock, City Recreation Department, Omaha, Nebraska.

Blanche Parcell, Social Service Branch, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Norman Polansky, Associate Professor of Social Work, Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan.

G. Ott Romney, Chief, Community Services Branch, Special Services Division, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

Section III—Services to Agencies and Communities

For Chairman: Lyman Ford, Associate Executive Director, Community Chests and Councils of America, New York City.

For Vice-Chairman: Arlien Johnson, Dean, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

For Committee Members (four to be elected)

Dean Clark, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Massachusetts.

William Kaufman, Executive Secretary, Community Chest of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama.

Seaton Manning, Executive Secretary, San Francisco Urban League, San Francisco, California.

Roger Marier, School of Social Work, McGill University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Laura Morris, Boston, Massachusetts.

Edward Rogers, Dean, School of Public Health, University of Calif., Berkeley, Calif.

Mrs. Charles Runyon III, Washington, D. C.

Mary Jane Willett, Regional Corelator for YWCA, Atlanta, Georgia.

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News of The International Conference of Social Work

The Executive Committee of the International Conference of Social Work met in Cologne, Germany on August 4, 5 and 6, under the chairmanship of George E. Haynes, President of the Conference. Neither Fred K. Hoehler nor Donald S. Howard, United States members of the Committee, was able to be present. Harry Carey of Boston, an active member of the U. S. Committee of the I.C.S.W., attended as Mr. Hoehler's alternate.

Items on the agenda included final arrangements for the program of the Sixth International Conference to be held in Madras, India in December of this year. (See page 5 of this issue for more information on this subject.) Plans for the 1954 Conference to be held in Canada were also considered. Mr. Hoffer, Secretary-General of the I.C.S.W., had met with the Canadian Committee in June in Quebec, where preliminary arrangements were discussed. It is anticipated that this Conference will take place in Toronto in June, 1954.

The Executive Committee also took up the question of the relations of the I.C.S.W. with the United Nations, UNICEF, WHO and UNESCO. The Conference now has consultative status with all these organizations and is faced with difficulties in carrying out the responsibilities which go with such status.

In addition to members of the Committee, representatives of eight nongovernmental organizations which had been invited to send observers attended the meeting. These included the two organizations with which the Conference maintains an especially close relationship: the International Committee of Schools of Social Work and the International Federation of Social Workers.

Following the meeting of the Executive Committee, those attending met for three days with a group of German social workers. Several of the Committee members then went from Cologne to Stockholm for the International Conference of Schools of Social Work.

In this country arrangements are now being made for the reorganization of the U. S. Committee of the International Conference. An election of members of the new Committee will be held soon, and it is expected that the new Committee will hold its first meeting early in October.

In accordance with the present plan, the new Committee will enter into negotiations with the National Social Welfare Assembly, with a view to having the U. S. Committee become an Associate Group of the Assembly. It is hoped by this means that the work

of the Committee will be closely integrated with that of the Assembly Committee on International Social Welfare. The Assembly is providing the secretariat for handling these interim arrangements, while the present Secretary is continuing to handle arrangements for United States participation in the Madras Conference in December.

A meeting was held in Chicago on May 29 to discuss the United States report for the Madras Conference. Work on the report is now nearly completed, and it will be submitted soon. It is planned to prepare a sufficient number of copies so that all those interested in obtaining the report can do so. An announcement on this subject will be made in the near future.

Election Results for 1952-53

In the absence of Merriss Cornell of Columbus, chairman of the Tellers Committee, Mary P. French, Director of Casework, Family and Children's Bureau of Columbus, a member of the Committee, presented the report of the election results at the annual meeting of members in Chicago on May 28. The following officers and committee members were elected:

President: Eduard C. Lindeman

First Vice-President: Charles I. Schottland

Second Vice-President: John J. Corson

Third Vice-President: Mrs. Victor Shaw

Secretary: Philip Schiff

Executive Committee: Arthur J. Altmeyer, Frederick I. Daniels, F. F. Fauri, Louis B. Seltzer, Mrs. Sumner Spaulding, Bessie Touzel, Mrs. Louise Briscoe Trigg.

Nominations Committee: Milton Chernin, Rudolph Danstedt, Sybil Foster, Katharine Jocher, John McDowell, Benjamin E. Mays, Richard Chappell.

Section I—Services to Individuals and Families: Mildred Arnold, *chairman*; Clark W. Blackburn, *vice-chairman*; Charlotte G. Babcock, M.D., Eileen Blackey, Harry L. Eastman, Marjorie J. Smith.

Section II—Services to Groups and Individuals in Groups: Harry Serotkin, *chairman*; Joseph Prendergast, *vice-chairman*; Martin Gula, Howard Gustafson, Irene M. Josselyn, M.D., Mary Louise Somers.

Section III—Services to Agencies and Communities: Mrs. Rollin Brown, *chairman*; Morris Zelditch, *vice-chairman*; Dorothy B. Ferebee, Elizabeth Goddard, Dr. Edward D. Greenwood, Amy Leigh.

The amendments to the Conference constitution proposed by the Executive Committee were adopted. Copies of the new constitution are available on request from the Conference office.

The Conference again wishes to express its appreciation to the School of Social Administration at Ohio State University for the assistance of research students who tabulated the votes on the ballots. This represents a great saving to the Conference in both time and money.

SOCIAL WORK CRITICISM MET

"Social Work Criticism Met" was the title of a round-up newspaper story written by Ellen Gibson, reporter on the staff of the Milwaukee **Journal**, who covered the Chicago Annual Meeting. It summarizes so well some of the things which were said in Chicago during the last week in May that we think it will interest all members of the Conference. The article was published in the June first issue of the **Journal**.

Chicago, Ill. — Democracy's promises are vitally important to all peoples of the world. Many threats to the free society stem from American failures to live up to democratic ideals. Attempts to mark out social work's role in answering these threats highlighted nearly all sessions of the National Conference of Social Work annual meeting which was held here last week.

The social work predicament was, however, readily apparent: A barrage of criticism of welfare principles and practices confronting a social work profession weakened by lack of training and low pay, but confident that its goals were right and its knowledge growing. In what was generally believed to be one of its most critical years, the national conference acted with neither panic nor complacency.

The conference itself provides the only nation-wide discussion forum for all fields of health and welfare. This year it took several more steps toward establishing a "united front" in a profession which includes diverse types of work.

Will Meet Attack

Leaders agree with the outgoing president, Lester Granger, New York, that the public would support social welfare if its place in a sound and free society was well understood.

But because so many also agreed with Granger's favorite expression "nothing happens by accident," they tried to figure out how best to meet the attack launched in recent months against public assistance programs, but generally expected in time to embrace most of the welfare field. Critics charge that public aid encourages laziness, instead of self-

reliance; condones fraud and immorality, and builds a bureaucracy with vested interest in maintaining relief programs.

If the replies of the leading conference members were lumped together, they would sound something like this:

The opponents of social welfare were identified mainly as public officials, with easy access to channels of communication; the press, which in several instances has printed attacks but refused to print rebuttals, and business interests represented by the United States Chamber of Commerce which has issued statements purporting to show that welfare takes too much of the national budget. This conference was told that all education and welfare programs actually cost 3c of each tax dollar.

"Based on Ignorance"

Social workers believe most attacks are based on ignorance and part information. They said that "the people who know us best" did not join the critics. Attack should be met with facts and reasoned arguments, or silence.

Public assistance is financially cheaper than the costs of neglecting to provide relief, it was contended here. We are at a point where we have to support both the old relief system and the newer program of social insurances which eventually will largely replace the other. "We are paying for not having set up social insurance earlier."

The population is larger, with the greatest increases in the age brackets where dependency is usually highest—over 65 and under 18. The per cent of population dependent upon relief has even so dropped from 11% in 1940 to 3% in 1951. The proportion of national income spent on public aid

has dropped in the same period from 3.4c per dollar to 1.1c.

One of the favorite targets of critics is the aid to dependent children (ADC) program, a federally supported system for keeping mothers at home with dependent youngsters. It includes care of illegitimate children where other eligibility requirements are met. But it was denied here that ADC fostered illegitimacy; that ADC could be called "the basic cause of the sex urge." Social work is ready to take part, however, in any scientific study of juvenile or adult delinquency which might give concrete answers to this and other vexing questions.

"Never Violate Dignity"

Social work is willing to give all information on total numbers of recipients of aid, amounts of grants, costs of programs and related information, but balks at exposing individual identities of recipients. The professional workers claim that violation of human dignity is never justified.

With billions spent on welfare, it is rare to hear of fraud by public servants administering these programs, the conference was reminded. Social work believes in government welfare programs only where individuals and private groups cannot adequately meet the need.

Organized social work supports every effort to put persons "back on their own feet," but rehabilitation of dependent persons takes intensive work by trained persons. Some of the factors brought out about the status of the profession as a whole were these:

According to recent studies, nearly 70% of social workers are women. The average age is 40. The average salary is \$2,960, with

women earning an average of \$2,800 and men \$3,430. Executives average \$3,700. Private social agencies on the whole pay \$1,000 less than their public counterparts.

Average Salary \$2,710

The lowest salaries of all are in the state, county and other local agencies. In public assistance, the average salary is \$2,710. The case workers, who have the important job of working directly with clients, get an even lower average income — \$2,569. Case loads in old age assistance average 250 for each worker, and in aid to dependent children, 100.

The multi-billion-dollar welfare enterprise is administered by persons who for the most part lack professional training. About 60% of the nation's 75,000 social workers have not attended a graduate school of social work. Two-fifths have no college degree. Ten per cent got as far as high school or less.

The conference will set out this year on a year around program of interpreting the functions and philosophy of social work to the public.

New efforts in promoting professional education will be materially assisted, it is believed, by the new Council of Social Work Education, which will come into being July 1. It was organized here last week. The council will take over the function of accrediting schools of social work from the American Association of Schools of Social Work, which will disband. The council will work on a broader basis, by bringing in not only the schools themselves but also representatives of the employing agencies and professional membership organizations.

State Conferences of Social Work

Highlight of the meeting of the Association of State Conference Secretaries in Chicago was the speech by Arthur Dunham of the University of Michigan School of Social Work on "Common Denominators in State Conferences and State Social Planning Organizations." The paper has been reproduced, and copies may be secured from the Conference office at 15c per copy.

Following Mr. Dunham's speech a business meeting of the Association was held. It was decided that a joint committee of the Association and of the state planning executives' group should be set up to plan for participation in next year's Annual Meeting. It was also agreed that the membership base of the Association should be broadened and that its name should be changed to Association of State Conferences.

Registration at 1952 Annual Meeting

The final registration figure for the 79th Annual Meeting was 7,126. This is the second largest registration in the history of the Conference, the largest Annual Meeting having taken place in Atlantic City in 1941 when 7,205 persons registered.

The officers and staff are, of course, highly gratified at the Chicago attendance. As those who were in Chicago know, there was no advance indication that the registration would reach such a high figure. Many factors contributed, including the fact that the Conference had not met in Chicago for sixty years, and the heavy concentration of social workers in that area. The staff is engaged now in trying to work out some methods of anticipating a little more accurately what to expect in the way of registration.

Papers on the Aging

When Conference members were polled on the kinds of publications they wanted, they indicated overwhelmingly that low-cost volumes of papers for a special group in the field or for a group concerned with a special problem were their first choices.

Available soon will be the first publication in category two —

SELECTED PAPERS ON THE AGING

Price: 75c to N.C.S.W. members; \$1.00 to others.

The contents are papers presented at the 1952 Annual Meeting in Chicago —

Introduction by Lucia B. Bing and Margaret W. Wagner

Individualizing the Aged by Marc H. Hollender, M. D.

Helping the Older Adult to Keep Related to the Mainstream of Community Life by Jerome Kaplan

Using the Unique Contribution of Later Maturity for the Wellbeing of the Community by Georgene E. Bowen

The Friendly Visitors to the Aged Program by Mary A. Young

New Developments in Services for the Aged — The Medical Program in a Home for the Aged by Edward Schultz

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Milwaukee's Recreation Program for the Aging by Donald B. Dyer.

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